

The Romulus News

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"the little paper"

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Komments and Knews

The winter is midway through now, and it sure will be a blessing for most of us when spring gets here. Some of us have creaking bones, raspy breathing, runny noses and swollen joints. For us, certainly, spring will be a joyous occasion.

I watched one of those late-night programs the other night, and they were discussing the plight of small towns. One lady said her town was so small that you had to leave town to change your mind. Another guest from a small town stated that the town she was from was so small that they held the high school prom in the local telephone booth.

Recreation News

The Romulus Festival Committee is having a meeting Tuesday, February 2, at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall. It is open to the public and all are welcome.

The committee would like to hear from you. It needs to get new ideas and would welcome assistance from anyone who is able to help. The Festival will be held May 20-22. More information will be released as schedules and programs are completed. Look for news releases in the months of April and May. □

Making the Grade

Local residents and businesspeople Tony and Mary Jo Kopas are very proud of their young daughter, and with very good reason.

Michelle Kopas attended school at St. Aloysius, then went on to Aquinas High School, from which she graduated last year.

This year, Michelle entered Adrian College as a freshman and is doing very well — so well, in fact, that she has made the Dean's List with a 3.6 grade-point average. It takes a minimum of a 3.5 (B+) to make the list, and she exceeded that and intends to go on doing so. Poppa and Momma Kopas are as pleased as peaches with their daughter, and, guess what, so are we here at *The Romulus News*. Anyone who can get such good grades must work very hard.

Congratulations, Michelle! □

On the average, men and women have about five million individual hairs on their bodies. The only totally hairless areas are the palms of the hands, soles of the feet, sides of toes and fingers, and the lips. Hair is dead from the roots up and the 125,000 or so hairs of the head will grow about 0.4 of an inch per month. Most people will lose and replace about 100 hairs a day.

Lambert Will Not Resign! Council Wants Block

by D. A. Atkins

There is talk that Alan Lambert may have to resign his position as City Councilman. Since he has been accepted by the City to attend the Police Academy, some Council members feel that, according to the City Charter, he would have a 'conflict of interest' if he continued to serve as a Councilman. The Charter states, in part, that if you are an elected official, you cannot be on the City payroll.

Evidently, the State pays for a certain portion of his (or any student's) fee to attend the academy, and it is disbursed by the City. Once a candidate has been certified and sworn in as an officer, then he is paid solely by the City. Lambert feels that he should not be considered a bona fide police officer until he finishes at the academy, is certified as a police officer, and employed in that capacity by the City, since there is no guarantee that he will meet all requirements and be hired.

Lambert says he will not resign his Council seat until this happens. "I feel I am right, and if they (other Council members) want me off the Council, they will have to get an Attorney General's opinion. The City attorney's opinion will not be enough for me. It will take an Attorney General decision."

If and when Lambert resigns or is put out of office, then the next concern would be who will replace him. Some Council members feel that his replacement should be chosen from the other Council candidates in the November 1987 election, and that each should be asked, in order of the position he finished in, until one agrees to serve.

If this is the method of selection used, then the first person asked would be Fred "Junior" Block, who finished eighth in the election. If he refused, then they would have to seek Barry Baumann, who finished ninth, and so on.

I contacted Junior Block, and he said "If it is to be, I will be happy to serve, but I'm not campaigning." Block also said that he didn't feel Lambert should resign until he had been hired by the City on a full-time basis.

Councilman Wadsworth said, "I'm not campaigning for him (Block), I'm not campaigning against him, but I would have to vote for him because he came in eighth. I think it's the proper thing to do, and it's the only thing my conscience would let me do."

Mary Ann Banks said, "I think Junior Block was an effective Councilman, and I believe he has a high regard for his home town."



ILLUSTRATION BY RANDY GEAR

Said Pete Bergeron, "The Charter is very clear as far as that (Lambert) is concerned: if you are on the City payroll, you can't serve as an elected official. You can't send them to the academy without putting them on the payroll. As far as Block is concerned, he came in eighth — the people spoke as to who they wanted. Block is experienced."

Mr. Raspberry was not available for comment. I tried many times to reach him and left messages, but had no response.

Randy Gear commented: "I have no problem with him (Lambert) remaining on Council, as long as he doesn't receive pay." He feels that, since Lambert does not know for certain that he will be hired, he need not resign yet.

Ellis Pennington is another who feels that Lambert should not resign until he is certified. "As far as I'm concerned, he is not an employee until he is certified, and I do not think he should resign. I would fight his resignation every step of the way." Pennington continued, "I feel it would be a great injustice to the community for Lambert to resign. I think it should be up to the public to elect his replacement. Although the Charter is clear as to the resignation of a City official, no one observes the Charter in its entirety anyway. Therefore it should be the people's choice, not the City Council's."

According to the City Charter, the choice of the replacement is up to the discretion of the remaining City Council members. □

Child Care Center to Open

The Romulus Community Schools Child Care Center will be ready to accept children February 8, 1988. Child care will be available to children 18 months to school age.

The new facility is located in the Adult Education/Beacon Building (Old South Junior High School) at 11401 Olive Street, Romulus, MI 48174. Hours of operation will be 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday, per school district schedule.

Priority will be given to parents who are adult education students, regular day students and district employees. It is anticipated that there will be several openings available for the general public. In conjunction with the Romulus High School Child Development class, a 2½-

hour pre-school program will also be offered.

Options available to parents are:

Full-day child care — \$10 per day, \$50 per week.

Half-day child care — \$6 per four-hour session, minimum two sessions per week.

Child Development Pre-school Program — \$10 per week, three days, 8:45-11:15 a.m., Monday, Wednesday, Friday.

If lack of convenient child-care service has kept you from returning to school, employment or a few hours to call your own, this could be the opportunity you have been looking for. For further information call the Center at 941-2030. □

A MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

I Apologize

by D. A. Atkins

It is very easy, at times, to get caught up in what is going on around you — especially in the field of politics.

It was brought to my attention the other day by one of the writers that there seems to be more political news in the paper than there used to be. I got upset for a minute, then thought about it and decided that he was right — the very thing I had wanted to avoid had become a reality.

I have tried to make excuses for myself, saying that the election had to be covered, but then something would go on at City Hall that had to be covered, and then something else would happen that had to be covered, and so I covered the event or happening.

As a result, as badly as I hate to admit it, there has been too much politics in the paper. I wanted to bring you local news on things that weren't being covered for you very often, and that is what I started out doing. As the summer wound down, and colder weather set in, there was much less activity in town, so there was much less to write about — or so I thought. Actually, there is as much to write about in the winter as there is in the summer. I guess I am just lazier in the winter. Anyway, I hope to get my thoughts turned

around and get back to writing the paper I promised to you and to myself. In fact, I really did enjoy that kind of reporting much more.

I got to talk to more of you, attend more events that involved you, and I liked it all much better. You have no idea (or maybe you do) what it is like dealing with politicians. Sometimes it is not very pleasant at all.

Yes, we will still cover the major events for you and try to let you know which of the elected officials are stepping out of line, or are holding a tight line. But, in the meantime, I would like to get back to meeting more of you personally and writing about you, your families, friends and acquaintances. I want to get back to taking the pictures of the various things I think you might like to see.

I really do enjoy that. I want my hometown paper newspaper back, and I am going to have it and so are you. That's what I promised you, and that is what you will have. If I step out of line, do as my friend did — tell me. I may not like it but I will listen and try to get it together.

Thank you for reading your 'little paper.' You are the backbone of it all. □

About 20,000 Los Angeles youths are in gangs. Gang-related killings are on the rise from 103 in 1982 to 187 last year.

The United States has approximately 23 million drug users. The Customs Service, last year, seized 89,000 pounds of cocaine, compared with about 60,000 the previous year. About 40% of those currently in federal prisons are serving time for drug violations, compared with about 25% in 1980.

Lambert

by D. A. Atkins

There have been some comments about the picture of Alan Lambert in the P.J.'s Lounge advertisement.

That is my fault, not his. Actually, all Mr. Lambert did was have a glass of Coke with me as I had coffee and conducted some newspaper business with the owners of the bar.

Since he was with me, and was introduced as a City Councilman, naturally the owner wanted a picture made with him. Inadvertently, I put the picture in the ad without thinking.

Lambert is completely innocent of any wrongdoing, and I apologize to you for possibly making something look worse than it was. □

CITIZENS & PUBLIC OFFICIALS

HERE'S YOUR

NEWS "N" VIEWS

The purpose of the News 'N' Views column is to provide Romulus citizens with an opportunity to express their opinions. These opinions are not necessarily those of The Romulus News.

by Beverly McAnally

I feel compelled to respond to the Letter to the Editor from a defeated Council member, Barry Baumann of Romulus, which was published in last week's *Romulus Roman*.

While I am sympathetic to his disappointment at not being reelected and understand his pathetic pleadings for attention and importance, I also feel that I must correct some of the more glaring errors and misleading statements made by this unfortunate person.

Consistent with this person's performance through the years that he was a city DPW employee and councilman, he has misconstrued, distorted and perhaps, misunderstood the purpose and intent of that which he criticizes, in this case, the Wage and Salary Program of the Employees of the City of Romulus.

He should have known that the main purpose of the study was to bring wages of city employees within the appropriate range of the job market so that our employees would be fairly paid for services rendered.

The qualifications that were suggested for performance of these positions were written by the person who at that time held the position and reflected not

only their experience but also those qualities which would be desirable, but not necessarily possessed by the writer.

If the truth is to be told, and perhaps the former councilman didn't get that far, the study says that, "The qualifications stated are to be only guidelines. Other combinations of education and experience which could provide the necessary knowledge, skills and abilities to perform the job should be considered."

The former councilman also should know that the Mayor alone has the authority to appoint department heads and much as he may wish to malign current office holders for not interfering it is suggested that perhaps the current council members know their duties better than does/did Mr. Baumann.

I believe that Mr. Panos will do an outstanding job for the City of Romulus and that his qualifications and experience make him an extremely valuable asset to the city management team.

It has been suggested that Mr. Baumann is disappointed that he was not given the job of DPW Director, however, Mr. Baumann did not apply for the position although it was advertised in the official city newspaper, Mr. Panos did. □

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Hilton

by D. A. Atkins

In the last issue of the paper, I wrote an article about the Airport Hilton, and the experience that my wife and I had there. Everything I wrote was the absolute truth, however, since it was a holiday weekend, I have done some rethinking about what happened and would like to give the Hilton the benefit of the doubt.

When you mention the word 'Hilton,' I, like most people, immediately think of a 'class' place, and I am sure that, in their own right, it is a classy place to visit.

I am not in the business of trying to defame anyone or any business; I am in the newspaper business, and I am expected to report the facts as I find them. That is exactly what I do with this paper.

My wife and I have decided to re-visit the Hilton on a weekend that is not a holiday. When we will do that I do not know, but I will once again report to you how it went.

I must say that I want to apologize to the Hilton, and I hope no damage was done by my article. □

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Salute to MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Submitted by Randy Gear

1929: Michael King (later changed to Martin Luther King Jr.), first son of Martin Luther King Sr. and Alberta Williams, born January 15 in Atlanta, Georgia.

1944: Entered Morehouse College.

1948: Graduated from Morehouse College.

1948-51: Entered the Chester, Pennsylvania, Crozier Theological Seminary, and studied the Greek philosophers, Gandhi and Thoreau. Senior Class President.

1951-53: Received fellowship for doctoral study in Systematic Theology from Boston University, and took courses in philosophy at Harvard. Began courting Coretta Scott.

1953: Married Coretta Scott on June 18 in Marion, Ala.

1954: Became pastor of the Dexter Avenue Baptist Church, in Montgomery, Alabama, on September 1.

1955-56: Montgomery bus boycott — first use of nonviolent protest by Blacks.

1958: Mentally ill woman stabbed King as he autographed his book in a department store in Harlem.

1959: Visited the tomb of Mahatma Gandhi and studied principles of nonviolence during a pilgrimage to India.

1960: Created and was President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. Went to jail for not possessing a driver's license. Presidential candidate John F. Kennedy telephoned Mrs. King and promised to intercede.

1961: Went to jail, along with hundreds of others, for protesting against segregation in Albany, Ga.

1963: Arrested in Birmingham, Ala. — the target for mass demonstrations against segregation — in April. Use of fire hoses, police dogs and bombings brought the world's attention to the civil rights movement.

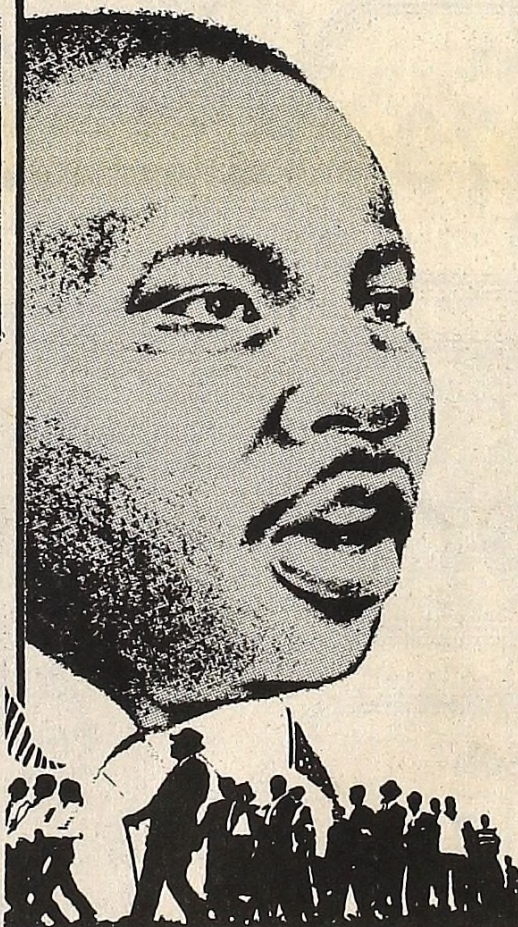
1964: Received the Nobel Prize for Peace on December 10.

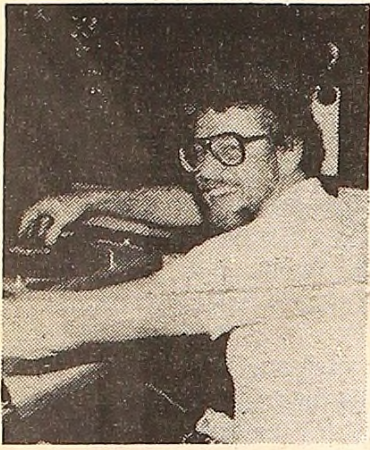
1965: Voter registration drive and march from Selma to Montgomery, Ala.; faced with court injunction, police resistance, shootings, and beatings. Arrested for the 17th time, along with 3,000 others.

1965-67: Brought equal rights campaign to the North. Opposed the Vietnam War actively.

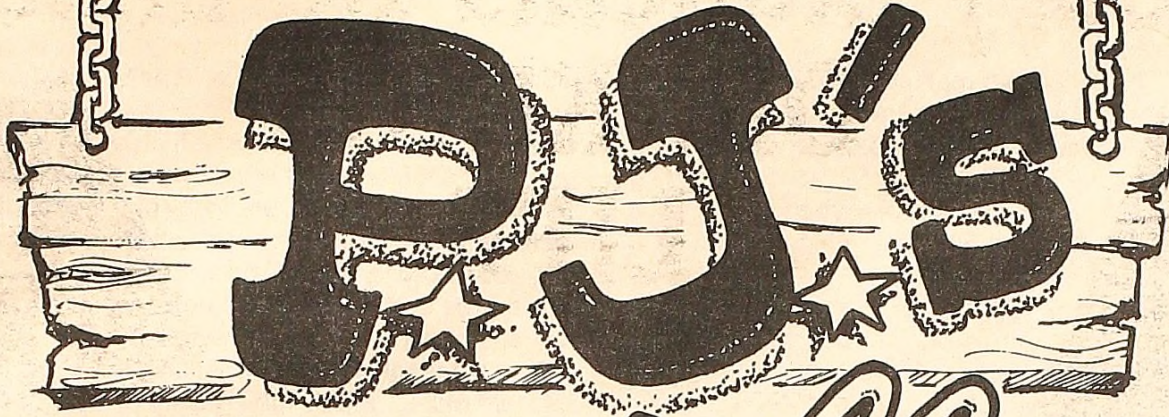
1967-68: Planned the Poor People's March on Washington to attain legislation for improved conditions.

1968: Assassinated April 4 in Memphis, Tenn.





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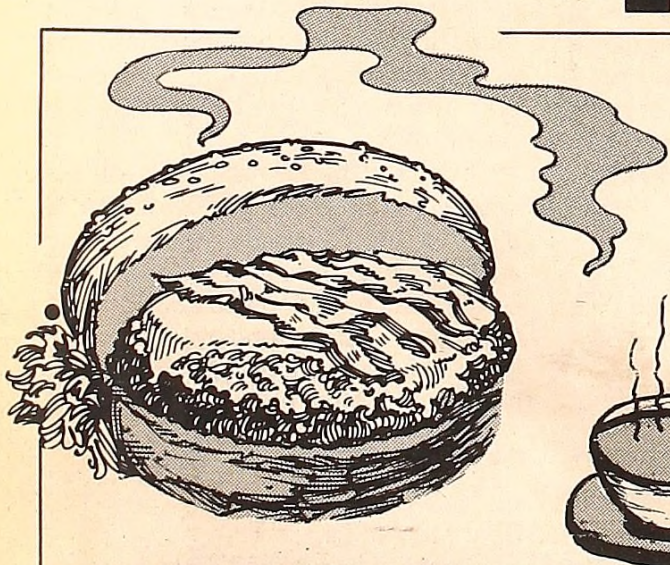
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More Letters from Halecreek

Here are a few more of those great letters from current and aspiring honor-roll students at Halecreek Elementary.

Letters to The Romulus News from Mrs. Brackney's 6th-grade class.

Dear Mr. Atkins,

Thank you for coming to our school. I thought it was very nice. Lots of people were glad to see you. I know I was. A lot of people were please with you speech.

My name is Angel Loree. I didn't make the honor roll, but I'm really going to behave my self. I'll examine my work more carefully, and make sure I have books to study. I will try to be more dependable. I will always have a partner to study with, practice my flashcards, and always ask for help. I will always come to school prepared, and organized. This marking period I will review for chapter tests, and proofread what I write. I will also put lots of thought into my work.

Sincerely,
Angel Loree

Dear Mr. Atkins,

I would like to thank you for coming to our school and talking to us about getting on the honor roll.

I did not make it on the honor roll this marking period because maybe I did not give enough effort. I only missed it by one point and I had to make twenty seven points, but I hope I will make it next time.

My second grade teacher told me to follow directions and especially have good grades all year round.

My fifth grade teacher said to think carefully, be accurate, and proofread everything.

My sixth grade teacher says to make flashcards and study them every night.

I did not make the honor roll because maybe I was not accurate enough, or maybe I did not study enough. But I will make it next time.

Sincerely,
Ryan McAlister

Dear Mr. Atkins,

I want to thank you for coming to our program on Wednesday November 5. I thought your speech was terrific, so that's why I am thanking you for coming to our special little assembly.

This time I didn't make the honor roll, but next time I will. What I'm going to do is do all my work, turn it all in, and study to get good grades. I might use some of my teacher's ideas, and always review over the books I have and proofread all my work or homework.

I will never be tardy. If I have trouble with my work, I will ask Mrs. Brackney or my parents. I will write neater and change my behavior.

Mrs. Brackney and my parents would be proud of me if I did a lot better. And Mrs. Brackney always encourages me to do better on my work.

She also makes us do outlines. Mrs. Brackney also inspires us to do outlines by ourselves.

Sincerely,
Lisa McClanahan

Dear Mr. Atkins,

I would like to say thank you for coming to our school. I enjoyed the speech that you said about the honor roll people. Because of the speech, I think a lot more kids will be trying to make the honor roll the second time.

My name is Tommy Mezza and I did not make the honor roll. I did try, but not hard enough. I will be neater in my handwriting and study a little harder. I will try to make my outline more accurate and study flashcards daily. I will also be careful, proofread my work and pay more attention to my teacher, Mrs. Brackney. There is a lot to do to get on the honor roll and I plan to get on it.

Your friend,
Tommy Mezza

Dear Mr. Atkins,

Thanks for coming to my school. My sister Sarah is in 5th grade and she made the honor roll. And my cousin Tony is in 6th grade and he made the honor roll. We are glad you came to Halecreek.

I was not on the honor roll, but I want to so does my mom and dad. Some things that I am planning to do are turn in my work, do my homework, study, practice handwriting, write outlines, complete my work, follow directions, have good attendance, don't be tardy, and proof-read my work. It is a lot but I have to do it. My Mom says so.

Sincerely,
Steve Poletti

Dear Mr. Atkins,

Thank you for coming to our school and for that excellent speech. It was a privilege for me to except the award from you.

I made the honor roll because I study and try to put most of my effort in my work. Sometimes when I concentrate it's hard to think but I did my best. My conduct and behavior is not always good. My grades are always good just about. My attendance is always good.

At home my two brothers that are in college right now, Hung Nguyen and Khanh Nguyen always encourage me to do better. They got a 3.8 average in high school. They said I might not get an average as high but to give it my best shot and maybe I will do it. They help me sometimes on my homework. Because of my parents and brothers encouragement I am on the honor roll. I will try my best.

Sincerely,
Tony Poletti

Dear Mr. Atkins,

Thank you for coming to our school. We enjoyed having you come. Thank

you for letting us write these letters for the newspaper.

I didn't make the honor roll this time, but I plan to make it next time. I will do all my homework, study my outlines, make my work neater, pay attention, and not be tardy. I will be prepared all the time and ask if I need help.

I am going to read and review for tests. I will respect the school and the teachers more. I will be more responsible and more dependable. I will encourage myself and others to keep up our grades. I will put more effort into learning and into my assignment.

Thank you,
Melissa Rushlow

Dear Mr. Atkins,

I would like to thank you for coming to our school Wednesday, November 25, 1987. Your speech was a great one because probably more people will be on the honor roll next marking period. Most people thought it was a pleasure having you at our school.

My name is Jason Sample and I made the honor roll all five times and I got there by studying, doing my work, reviewing what I write, thinking, and writing my work neatly. The more I do all the things above, the more I learn.

Even my conduct is good, because I work, study, and quiz myself with flashcards almost every day and night. I complete most of my work because I enjoy being on the honor roll and it makes my family happy.

I want to be in your paper because it will be an honor for me, because I do my work and so do most other people in my class. It will probably be privilege for them too.

Well I have to get back working and studying, so I have to go. Hope to see you soon and I also hope to see my letter in your paper.

Sincerely yours,
Jason Sample

Dear Mr. Atkins,

Thank you for coming. I am not an honor roll student but I would like to be. I am going to make more effort in my grades. And study harder and drill myself so I will make the honor roll. I hope studying for a test will help me get on the honor roll.

I was not at school when you gave your speech. I wish I was at school but I wasn't. From what I hear it wasn't dull it was interesting. I am sorry I missed the assembly.

Your friend,
Scott Shupp

Dear Mr. Atkins,

Thanks for coming to our school. We enjoyed having you come. We like writing letters to people.

I did not make it on the honor roll last time but I will try to make it this time. And I will study for tests. I will review and will study my outlines. I will pay attention. I will take my flashcards home every night. I will do my best. I

will ask for help when I need it.

I will bring my grades up. I will think a lot. I will do good in all my books. I will do fantastic in school. I will do all assignments. I will bring all my homework in. I will follow directions.

Thank you,
Christine Sides

Dear Mr. Atkins,

I am writing this letter to tell you thank you for coming to Hale Creek. This time I am going to try to make the Honor Roll.

I can make the honor roll by raising my grades. I can raise my grades by proofreading my work, reviewing the things I did, completing and handing in my assignments on time. I can also make the honor roll by practicing my flash cards with a friend.

To make the honor roll, I have responsibility, like not begin tardy, but be on time. I have to be prepared, have good behavior, and be dependable.

Sincerely yours,
Nicole Smith

Dear Mr. Atkins,

Thank you for coming to the assembly. You made a very good speech. I think the speech was a good idea because we might have more people on the honor roll.

I think that I can get on the honor roll if I can get A's and B's on my report card next time.

I think I can improve my grades by proofreading my work before I turn it in, and putting more effort into it. I will make it neater. I will pay more attention and concentrate harder. I will finish all of my assignments.

Sincerely yours,
Tracy Steiner

Dear Mr. Atkins,

Thank you for coming to our school for the assembly on November 25th. I enjoyed your speech about how some people worked hard enough to get on the honor roll. This time I am going to make it by putting a effort into my work and try to study more. If I make a effort I am sure that I can make the honor roll.

I want to be on the honor roll because I would like to know that I studied hard enough, reviewed my assignments enough, and tried hard on my tests by listing and asking questions when I don't understand something. I know I have the ability to make it because I have before.

Sincerely yours,
Bill Stewart

Dear Mr. Atkins,

Thank you for that great speech. I'm writing to tell you that I'm not on the honor roll. I think I can make the honor roll next time. I like to study but I get bad grades most of the time on my tests.

My mom says that I need more

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practice on my work. Then when I go home I have tons of homework. My attendance is great but sometimes I forget my assignments.

I will work much harder than before. I will improve my work and be more careful. I will put more effort into my work so I can pass. I will take my books and my flashcards home on the weekend to study. I will practice my handwriting over the year. I need to ask for help when I need help.

Thanks again.

Sincerely,
Shaun Stragall

Dear Mr. Atkins,

Thank you for coming to our school on November 25th for the honor roll assembly.

We appreciate your kind words of encouragement to the people who weren't on the honor roll as well as the ones who were. Being on the honor roll which I was, means to me that I have done something with myself. I could have been outside playing, but no, I stayed in the house to study. When I get good grades, it means that I will go somewhere in life, and I won't have to live off of my parents all my life. So, I will be on the honor roll all year.

Sincerely,
Angie Thompkins

Dear Mr. Atkins,

I am writing this letter to tell you thanks for coming to our school and why I made the honor roll.

I made the honor roll because I have a great amount of determination, I put a great amount of effort, and a great amount of attention and studying into my work. It took a great deal of neatness and carefulness, but it was worth it. I am going to try my hardest to make the honor roll again. I will think and develop my abilities. I will continue my goals in life. I greatly encourage all people out there to study, pay attention, give a good effort and learn something.

Sincerely,
Jeff Wilkinson □

Two million Americans have schizophrenia or will develop it, according to the National Institute of Mental Health.

It's A "Hairy" World

by Tom Shamanski

There's nothing I'd like more than to trade hair with Robert Redford. He's got beautiful hair. My hair I hate.

It reminds me of the limp noodles in Campbell's Chicken Noodle Soup. No matter how clean, my hair perpetually seems to have more grease than a diesel-mechanic's overalls at the end of a busy day. It is so fine that, under certain light conditions, it actually seems to disappear. I have so little of the stuff that bald men love giving me tips on how to save my remaining fuzz.

Hair is a very important subject to me. I think a lot about my hair. However, like my stopped-up kitchen drain, I never seem to do much about it. It's been approximately the same length (short) and combed the same way since I left my 'radical' period in the '60s. Then, I actually let my hair cover my ears. Come to think of it, it's really senseless to worry so much about a part of my body that probably weighs less than two ounces and will never endanger my life.

My wife's hair is long, flowing, and beautiful. I love it. I'm often consumed with envy just thinking of all the nifty and different things she can do with her hair. But what's uppermost in her mind? You guessed it — she wants to cut it!

Many people, I believe, are like my wife. They want to continually change their hair. Why is everyone like this? Do we think changing our hair will change our lives? It's a mystery to me.

I think, perhaps, it's less of a mystery to the high-powered advertising executives on Madison Avenue. Hair is big bucks to those guys. They know we all want different and better hair, and they're telling us how to get it hundreds of times each day. "Want to perm your hair? Use this. Want a different color? Use that." And on and on. So far, I've been able to resist all their come-ons. But if they would even *hint* that I could have Robert Redford hair, I'm sure I'd cave in.

Whenever I start thinking about hair, I remember a young fellow I worked with in the early '70s. He had beautiful red hair that hung to his waist and wore colorful, flowered shirts. We called him a 'hippie' in

those days. I saw this same fellow a few weeks ago, although I had a hard time recognizing him. He was nearly bald and wore a dark-blue, three-piece suit. I guess he had a good time with his hair while he had the chance. I guess it's okay for the rest of us, too. □



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A MESSAGE FROM THE SENIOR CLASS

by Mary Clark

I attended the Inauguration/Birthday Celebration at the Senior Center, and I must say the affair was really interesting, to say the least. The Mayor administered the oath of office to the following people: Marge Sizeland, President; Mike Diosi, Vice-President; Thelma Matthews, Secretary; Mildred Brabson, Treasurer; and Melissa Bell, Sunshine Girl. Eva Harrison and Dorothy Icenogle were sworn in as Trustees and Rita Souva and Elsie Robinson as Sergeant at Arms.

This Senior Citizens Club is referred to as Club #1. It was organized in 1966 at the Old Senior High School. Meetings were later held at the Methodist Church, then the Progressive Hall, the VFW, the Romulus Civic League and the City Hall. When the Romulus Senior Center was added to the Recreation Building, the Club had a new home. There they meet, socialize, and do business under the management of Marilyn Masters, and, quite frankly, I think they have a ball. There are meetings to attend, trips to take, daily lunches, crafts to participate in, and, all in all, a really nice atmosphere of goodfellowship.

I met some very interesting people. Mrs. Ethel Lamarr suggested I get in touch with Mrs. Celeste Fisher, one of the original members, to get some facts about the club. Mrs. Fisher, now 76 years old, was one of the original members, and served as Vice-President. She was a treat to talk to, and I am sure she could have given me much more information if we had had the time.

Mr. and Mrs. Mahlon McLeod had just recently celebrated their 56th wedding anniversary. Another interesting person was 89-year-old Frank Andrews, who is from England and has been a member of Senior Citizens Club #1 for a long time. I will have more about Mr. Andrews in a future story.

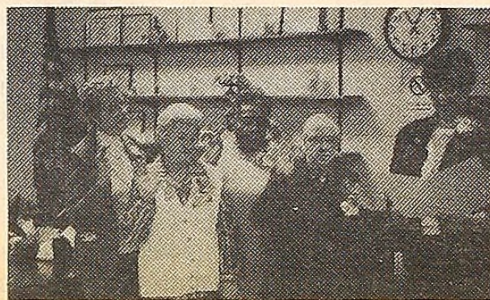
At the Romulus Towers, January birthdays were celebrated by Ola Pennington, Reba DeRosier, Wesley Matthews, Josephine Ocelvany, Deryl (Bud) DeBilzan, Diane Klobucher, E. Jean Rice, Myrtle Harrison, Marian Berlinn, and Walter Mientkiewicz.

The Christmas decorations at the Towers were beautiful. It always makes

me a little sad when they are all taken down and stored away. I guess I am a real sentimentalist. I also still believe in Santa Claus. He was especially active this past Christmas. My heartfelt gratitude goes out to the many people who remembered me at this most wonderful season of the year. My Christmas was wonderful, and I am looking forward to a great New Year and wish all of you the same.

The Towers are all decorated now for Valentine's Day. Someone (I don't know who) has done a terrific job.

Thanks to Mae and many other very nice ladies, I have learned to enjoy myself on Tuesday nights. Bingo! I had never played until two weeks ago, but the past two Tuesdays I have certainly enjoyed the Bingo and spending the evenings with very wonderful ladies. Thanks, friends. □



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Straight from the Heart

by Dan Elwart, D.C.

Just wanted to thank those of you that were concerned enough about my diet. Yes, the plan is working!

If you're considering taking off some excess weight, here are a couple pieces of advice:

1) Tell others what you're doing. It will give you encouragement when you need it, and it will help to keep you on your best behavior!

2) Go on a sensible weight-reduction plan that you are convinced that you can live with!

3) Don't try to lose in a few weeks what took you years to gain. Slow and steady weight loss is recommended by most doctors.

I don't know how the thought of dieting affects you, but for me, the fear of gaining more weight back than I lost has been my excuse for not going on 'another diet.' Now, it seems the time is right. I'm fed up with being overweight. I realize that, after the diet, my eating habits must change. I'm prepared for that (I think).

But how do you change a lifetime of eating habits? How do you say "no" to a friend or loved one who offers food as part of his hospitality?

I have a plan for 'after the diet strategy,' but I'd like your input. If you have any ideas or suggestions as to how to solve these sensitive issues, let me know. Drop me a note at *The Romulus News*. See you next time! □

Osteoarthritis

This reprint from *Biomedical Information Corporation's Compendium of Patient Information* was submitted by J.H. Barden, D.O.

Osteoarthritis is the most common form of arthritis. It is not a life-threatening joint disease and seldom results in severe disability. In fact, even when annoying and painful symptoms are present, they can usually be relieved with medication and the disability prevented or corrected with exercise or surgery. Osteoarthritis need not interfere with your social or occupational life. You and your doctor will be developing an individualized treatment plan that will permit you to adjust to living with osteoarthritis.

Every person over sixty begins to show signs of having osteoarthritis, or 'degenerative joint disease,' but many never even feel the effects. Approximately 17 million individuals in this country have sought treatment for it. For unknown reasons, women develop it twice as often as men, especially after the age of 45. Certain kinds of osteoarthritis seem to be a normal part of the aging process. It is often said, "If you live long enough, you are bound to get a touch of osteoarthritis."

How It Occurs

The breakdown, or wearing away, of cartilage — the cushion that covers the ends of bones — is what ultimately results in osteoarthritis. It is a gradual process and, in its early stages, a silent one.

Cartilage and other joint tissues are surrounded by a capsule-like structure called the *synovium*. The synovium's main function is to produce the lubricating fluid that fills the area between the bones

and nourishes the cartilage that makes up the joint surface. Breakdown of the synovial cells leads to the release of destructive enzymes and cartilage decomposition. Subsequent injury causes the cartilage to become thin and uneven. As these low-friction cartilage cushions wear away, the bones begin to contact with each other and produce pain in the joints. When joint pain is very distressful, the tendency is to use the joint less, which eventually causes muscle weakness. This, in turn, leads to more and more difficult joint movement because of lack of muscle support.

Common Features

Osteoarthritis is often described as a 'wear-and-tear' disease. What does this mean exactly? To understand this concept, think of three major factors: weight, overuse or trauma, and time. They contribute to the progression of osteoarthritis and often help pinpoint who is most likely to develop it.

Weight. Overweight people are at a higher risk of developing osteoarthritis, as are those whose occupations involve lifting heavy objects. This added weight contributes to the stress placed on the joints and, as a result, may damage them prematurely. In addition, osteoarthritis most often strikes the weight-bearing joints, such as the knees and hips.

Overuse and trauma. Obviously, some people use their joints more vigorously than others. Overuse and injury speed up the process of joint changes due to cartilage breakdown. Certain athletes, such as football players, are prone to develop osteoarthritis in their knees because of the type of stress they place on these joints. In contrast, baseball pitch-

ers tend to get the disease in their throwing arms, particularly the elbows, while ballet dancers are most likely to show signs of osteoarthritis in their knees, ankles and toes. Individuals in occupations that involve standing for long periods may also be at risk.

Time. You already know that osteoarthritis is very common in the elderly. The cumulative effect of normal wear and tear on susceptible joint tissues may also affect the development of this type of arthritis. It is expected that as people continue to live longer, the incidence of osteoarthritis will rise.

Common Complaints

Osteoarthritis affects only the joints. It does not spread to other parts of the body. Nevertheless, it can cause a variety of symptoms, some of which may not seem to be related to the joints.

Joint pain is usually the first symptom. The pain commonly occurs after exercising or carrying a heavy load. Stiffness may also be present and is most noticeable upon arising in the morning and, sometimes, in damp, cold weather. Swelling and, occasionally, inflammation are present in the joints in more advanced and serious cases of osteoarthritis. Fatigue may also be a problem for some people with this disease, especially if they are not getting as much exercise as they used to. If muscle weakness develops from lack of use, leg cramps and loss of motion may occur.

Treatment

There are many different kinds of treatment for osteoarthritis; all of them depend to a great extent on you for success. In

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New Treasurer Working Hard

There is good news from your new Treasurer, Jim Napiorkowski. Napiorkowski, who defeated John Lewkowicz in the November election for the Treasurer's job, seems to be doing some good things for the City thus far.

When *The Romulus News* asked him about some of the things he has done since being put into office, he said, "We are closing down some of the collection stations, such as Stears Hardware, Romulus Hardware, Metro Dairy Bar and Stephens Pharmacy, so that we can improve our overall bookkeeping and accounting system." The moves that he is making will save the City and taxpayers money.

"We have had problems with some of the stations anyway, with people claiming they paid their tax bills, producing receipts that they have paid, but our records indicate that they haven't paid. If they have a receipt, then it seems evident they paid, but we still haven't received the money or else it has been placed in our books wrong."

That is one reason why the computer system, which Napiorkowski believes he now has working (although not yet at full capacity), is so good. If the people pay their bills at the bank or City Hall, it goes

into the computer almost immediately, and in the proper account. "As a matter of fact, we are thinking of having the banks mail in their collections on a daily basis so we can keep up with it," he said.

Napiorkowski also said that he is initiating a \$10 fee on any check returned for any reason. For example, if you write the City's check and the funds aren't there to cover it, or if you write a check on a closed account, it will cost you an additional \$10.

Napiorkowski stated that the computer system should be in full operation by March 1, even though it is presently being used on a partial basis.

When asked what kind of conversation he has with Mr. Lewkowicz, he said that there are 319 cassette tapes in the possession of Mr. Lewkowicz that belong to the City, and he asked for them to be returned.

For your information, February 20 and 27 will be the final days for dog license registration. The fee will vary according to the length of time you buy the license for. □

ARTHRITIS

general, do everything possible to stay healthy overall, both physically and

emotionally.

Medication. The main goal of drug therapy in osteoarthritis is to control pain and reduce inflammation. A wide variety of effective drugs are available over-the-counter and also by prescription. Your doctor will be very specific as to what particular medications you should use and how much and often you should take them. For severe inflammation and under rare circumstances, a corticosteroid may be injected directly into the inflamed joint to bring relief. This procedure is performed under local anesthesia and will be explained to you more fully if the need arises.

Exercise and heat. Regular exercise will become an important part of your treatment regimen. It not only helps maintain joint flexibility, but it improves muscle strength as well. By keeping your muscles strong, you can actually help protect your joints from further damage. Your doctor will recommend specific exercises for you to do on your own or in consultation with a physical therapist. These exercises can best be described as 'moderate'; they should be done slowly and gently. Also, never exercise beyond the point of pain, and when you get tired, stop.

Heat and, sometimes, cold may be used to treat the symptoms of osteoarthritis by applying them directly to inflamed joints. Heating pads, hot water bottles,

and heat lamps will help relieve joint pain and soreness and relax muscles. Cold compresses and ice packs are occasionally useful for relieving arthritis pain; they work by numbing sore areas.

Rest and diet. Regular periods of rest should be included in your exercise routine to allow your muscles to relax periodically. It is also advisable to eat well-balanced, nutritious meals. If obesity is a problem, your doctor will most likely prescribe a weight-reducing diet to relieve some of the stress on your joints.

Joint-protection devices. Your doctor may recommend certain devices to help protect damaged joints. Some of these aids lend support to and reduce stress on weight-bearing joints. Others are worn to prevent or reduce joint deformity. Your doctor will decide if and when such measures are appropriate.

Surgery. Surgery is indicated only in those cases of osteoarthritis that have not responded adequately to the other treatments mentioned here. However, when undertaken, surgery has yielded very effective results. Many types of joint-replacement procedures are used today, the most common and effective being hip-joint replacement. □

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- 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Elementary age only (no exceptions)
2 p.m.-4 p.m. Romulus Jr. & Sr. High students (I.D. required; no exceptions)

Pre-School Gymnastics

This class is scheduled to begin on February 2 for all children ages two to five years. The cost for the ten-week, one-hour-per-week session is \$15. The class will begin at 6:15 p.m. and there is a maximum number of ten students for this class. If numbers warrant, another class can be added at 7:15 p.m.

Special One-Day Trips for Elementary-Age Students

Registration for any elementary-age trip must be made at the Recreation Department office. All trips include entrance, transportation to and from, rentals (if necessary) and adult supervision. For the swimming trip, the girls might want to bring a hair dryer.

Date	Destination	Bus Dpts. Rec. Bldg.	Bus Returns	Regis. Deadline	Cost
1/29	Rollerskating	4:00	7:00	1/27	\$4.00
2/5	Rollerskate and Swim (A snack can be bought at the roller rink)	4:00	9:00	2/3	\$6.50
2/6	Cross-Country Skiing	3:00	6:30	2/4	\$5.00

Special One-Day Trips for Junior-High-Age Students

Registration for any junior-high-age trip can be made to Miss Cleary. All trips include entrance, transportation to and from, rentals (if necessary) and adult supervision.

Date	Destination	Bus Dpts. Jr. High	Bus Returns	Regis. Deadline	Cost
1/29	Cross-Country Skiing	3:30	7:00	1/27	\$5.00
2/5	Cross-Country Skiing	3:30	7:00	2/3	\$5.00

Family Bowling Tournaments

Father/Son Tourney — This event is scheduled for Saturday, February 27, at the Romulus Bowling Alley. The cost is \$12/couple, which includes two games of bowling, pizza, Bowling For Dollars, mystery games and awards. This is limited to the first 30 doubles to register. If there is enough interest, there will be another tourney bowled on Saturday, March 5.

Mother/Daughter Tourney — Will be scheduled for Saturday, March 12.

Drama Class

Registrations are being taken for the Tuesday evening drama class at Wick Elementary from 6:30 to 8 p.m. A Saturday class at Halecreek Elementary is being worked on to begin in January. If interested, please contact the Recreation Department.

Adult Skiing

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Something Worth Thinking About

by Marvin Hawbaker, Pastor, Calvary Baptist Church, Romulus

Someone once said that if we have learned anything from history it is that we do not learn from history. It is a fact that few would deny that our nation is shackled with many problems. One only needs to look objectively at our current situation to find that sin, immortality, disease, economic problems, etc., seem to be consuming us at an ever-increasing pace. What is the solution? I believe the answer is found in the Word of God.

God has established unalterable principles and communicated them to man through the Bible. One of those principles is the law of sowing and reaping. God says, "Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap," Galatians 6:7. That principle is true for the individual as well as a nation, which is simply a body of many individuals. The Bible is clear that "The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God," Psalm 9:17.

This law of sowing and reaping is illustrated in the history of the nation of Israel given in the Old Testament. When the nation drifted away from God and into sin, God brought judgment upon them in the form of plagues, hardships and even servitude to other nations. God's remedy for these problems

is found in II Chronicles 7:14, "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land." While this promise was specifically made to Israel, it is abundantly clear from the New Testament that the same principle applies for God's people today. The answer for our nation is the same as that for ancient Israel: REPENT — turn away from sin and turn to God.

Since nations are made up of individuals, a repentant nation is made up of repentant individuals. The answer for today is found in Acts 17:30, "God . . . now commandeth all men everywhere to repent." Only as each of us recognizes the claim of God on our lives, turns from sin and believes in the Lord Jesus Christ as Savior will we have the desire and the ability to live by the principles of God's Word. Repentance from sin and salvation through Christ is the answer for our nation today. Changed lives will change a nation. And only Christ can change a life.

It is something worth thinking about. □

It's the Law

by Murray A. Duncan, Jr., Attorney

Q. How is a marital home divided in a divorce?

A. There is no set rule of law in dividing the parties' equity in their marital home. Usually the equity in the marital home is a major asset of the parties. If there are minor children, courts are often reluctant to order its sale. Provision is often made for the custodial parent to retain the home with the right of possession until the youngest child is 18, the house is sold, or the house is no longer the primary residence of the custodial parent. The house may continue to be owned by the non-custodial parent, as joint tenant, with that parent having a lien. Also, the custodial parent may take out a second mortgage and pay the non-custodial parent their share of the equity immediately.

Q. As a divorced father, may I get a specific visitation schedule ordered by the Court?

A. The Court may provide for reasonable or specific visitation. A rule of thumb for reasonable visitation is alternate weekends, alternate holidays, and two to four weeks in the summer. For pre-school children visitation may be for shorter periods of time at more frequent intervals. Visitation should also be determined in accordance with the best interest of the child.

Q. May I petition Circuit Court for a Driver's License after the District Court suspended it?

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News from the Historical Society

by Pearl Varner, Romulus Historical Society President

At its monthly business meeting held Wednesday, January 20, 1988, the Romulus Historical Society elected its officers for the year of 1988. Elected were:

President, Pearl Varner
Vice-President, Helen Morris Hay
Secretary, Kenneth Krueger
Treasurer, Gloria Chandler

Nominating committee chairman Diane Hazen was in charge of preparing the slate for the Annual Election, and conducted the election that resulted in the above officers.

The Schoolhouse/Museum project, although perhaps not visible to the eye, is being actively pursued. Professional recommendations on the restoration and adaptation of a historical schoolhouse as a public museum have been prepared by Victor Hogg of Lansing, Michigan. Now in the hands of the

executive board of the Romulus Historical Society, these plans will be executed as work progresses on the building. Presently, the wood-paneled front entrance doors are being prepared for installation. The next step after the doors are in will be the application of matching siding to the original on the front of the building. Watch for our progress!

Volunteer chairman of wood siding replacement on the Schoolhouse/Museum is Mark Lewkowicz. Already installed are the new ceiling joists placed at the original ceiling height of the old schoolhouse. Chairman of the building committee, Fred W. Hay, Sr., and his crew, consisting of members William B. Cox, Fred M. Hay, Jr., and Donald G. Herrmann, completed the ceiling joists this winter. All inside house partitions, old ceiling, plaster, and debris have been removed. □

tor drivers with their trailers to haul the machines, press vehicles, a mobile headquarters, and countless numbers of vendors who donated time, money and supplies to make the ride a reality. These volunteers joined hands to put the smiles on the Special Olympians' faces.

This group has grown from 35 riders and 15 support-crew members to the current 50 riders and 30 support-crew members.

In January 1982, the Warriors set out with the idea of raising \$20,000 for the Michigan Special Olympics; by the time they reached Mackinaw City they were able to present Michigan Special Olympics with a check for \$35,000. Fired by the previous year's success, the Warriors returned to Mackinaw City in 1983, 45-riders strong and with a check in hand for \$65,000. The ride was an undeniable success, and it seemed that the Warriors were unbeatable.

There seemed to be nothing that could keep the dream from becoming a reality — nothing, that is, until the Warriors received the shocking news that their determined 'leader,' Vic Wertz, had died unexpectedly. The shock and the grief numbed the Warriors and, for the first time, the question of whether or not to continue the rides had to be asked. Looking to each other and the love and respect which they all felt for the man Vic Wertz was, the decision was unanimous — Vic's dream would live and the rides would continue as a testimonial to a dear friend and a great man.

And so, the rides have continued — sometimes through harsh weather and

poor conditions — and the monies raised have increased each year. The Warriors raised \$235,000 for the Michigan Special Olympics in 1987.

The money presented to the Michigan Special Olympics each year is accumulated from many different sources: rider entry fees; donations from local groups, fundraisers such as carnivals and spaghetti dinners, jars placed in businesses, etc. But the sources listed above account only for the money raised prior to the ride. The success of the ride hinges primarily on the support received in the many towns and cities through which the riders pass — support that comes not just in the form of dollars and cents, but in lunches and dinners provided without charge, fuel donated by gas stations, and lowered hotel accommodation rates. All of these things

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Snowmobile Endurance Riders

Meet Wertz's Warriors

The Wertz Warriors — one man's dream transformed into reality.

Vic Wertz, a former Detroit Tiger and Hall of Famer, had a dream: "To completely underwrite the Michigan Special Olympics Winter Games." And so, about seven years ago, he set out and succeeded in enlisting many of his friends to help him with his dream. Together, they considered a variety of ways to generate the monies needed to fund the Winter Games for the many mentally impaired children and adults of the State of Michigan. Then, after considering many alternatives, they contacted Michigan Special Olympics...

The Michigan Special Olympics is a non-profit organization headquartered in Mount Pleasant, Michigan. Operating totally from public donations, they sponsor competitions in many different areas, including broom ball, floor hockey, and wheelchair races. Yes, wheelchair races, for many of the Games' participants not only have to deal with mental impairments, but have to cope with physical handicaps as well. Executive Director John Walsh and his staff organize the sports competitions into a program which allows all of the participants to compete

— no small feat when you realize that the participants number well over 27,000. Needless to say, John was very happy to talk with Vic and his friends.

At first, Vic and his 'staff' considered rolling beer barrels from Mount Clemens, Michigan, to Milwaukee, Wisconsin, the home of Miller Brewing Company. Realizing that the distance and the weather would be too much to overcome, they decided that, instead of fighting the weather, they would use the weather and the time of year to accomplish their goal... leaving the distance as the formidable challenge to overcome. The idea of a snowmobile ride from Mount Clemens to Mackinaw City was born, and the "Wertz Warriors" became a reality.

If ever one could recite the chant "Rich man, poor man, beggarman, ... doctor, lawyer, Indian chief," it is when describing the backgrounds of the Warriors. People from all walks of life came together to make up the Wertz Warriors, whether as a rider or as a member of the support crew. And they were all welcome, for there were many jobs to perform just to support the riders — fuel trucks, mechanics with tools and spare parts, medical personnel, trac-

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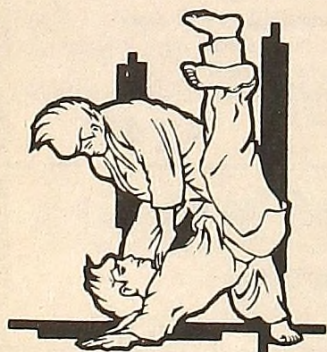
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Child Care Food Program

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lieves that he or she has been discriminated against in any USDA-related activity should write immediately to the Secretary of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. 20250.

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3	12,090	17,205
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	2,470	3,515

Barth Gazette

Reprinted from the January 1988 edition of the official newsletter of Barth Community School

PTO to Sponsor Contest

A contest will be held to promote attendance at next month's PTO meeting on Monday, February 1. The classroom that has the highest percentage of parents and teachers attending the February 1 meeting will win a deluxe pizza party compliments of the Barth PTO. Superintendent of Schools William Bedell will be the guest speaker, and he will talk about the needs and direction of Barth School in the coming years.

Library Looks for Help

Mrs. Berlinn, Barth's librarian, is looking for adult volunteers to help in the library. She is in special need of a parent or adult who has some typing skills. If you would like to help, please call Barth School at 942-0050.

Scouts Need Volunteers

The Cub Scouts of Barth School need adult volunteers. If you would like to assist, call George Timmerman, 942-9586.

Student of the Week

January 8, 1988

Deanna Atherton
Joseph Bard
William Barnes
Gary Bingamen
Angel Edmark
Donna Fussell
Todd Gilliland
John Hadyniak
Brian Justice
Nicklaus Locklear
Bari Musawwir
Deanna Proost
Elizabeth Welt

January 15, 1988

Tim Adkins
Monica Atherton
Joseph Bard
Eric Britz
Laura Brown
Jacklyn Evans
Elizabeth Haverlock
Nequia Hill

Amber Long
Roy Porter
Adam Swauger
Tavia Tucker
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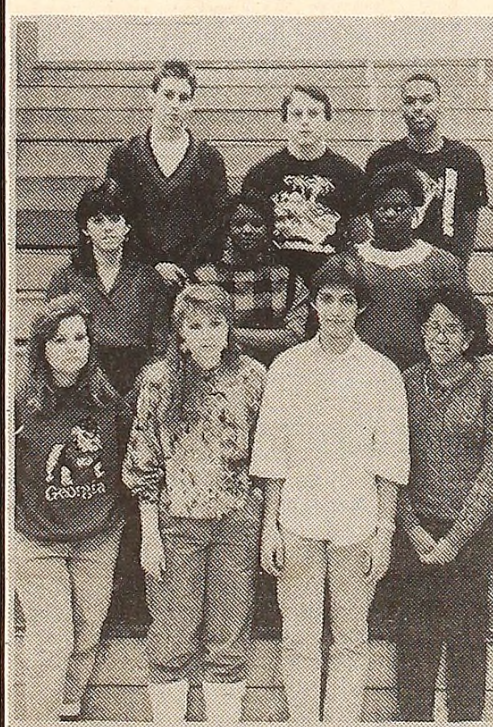
Bus Rider of the Week

January 8, 1988

Melissa Cook
Shannon Sandlin

January 15, 1988

Amanda Allen
James Bitner
Tara Bitner
Frank Brock
Cassandra Bryson
Andy Chapman
Scott Drysdale
Diane Kehn
Kevin Kitchens
Rachel Kolar
Heather Kuhrt □



November and December Seniors (left to right): front row — Gina Pezzullo, Tina LaPorte, Ralph Gapuz, Pam Jeffries; second row — Lisa Gibson, Terry Halimon, Hermail Love; top row — Dave Blandford, Lee Tracy, Alan Hudson. (Photo by: Danny Gaddis)

Need for Teen Health Services To Be Determined

Heritage Hospital, in conjunction with the Romulus Community Schools and a community-based planning committee, has been awarded a \$20,000 planning grant from the Michigan Department of Public Health to begin determining the needs for adolescent health services within the City of Romulus.

The planning grant will fund a year-long study to determine exactly which health services need development or enhancement within the area and to identify alternative modes of service delivery, including, if necessary, a school-based teen health center.

Romulus Community Schools Superintendent William M. Bedell, Ed.D., who initiated the Romulus Adolescent Health Advisory Committee (RAHAC) that is conducting the study, noted that preliminary work produced evidence that the unmet health needs of Romulus adolescents were significant.

"The school district is committed to helping our kids to a full and healthy life," Dr. Bedell noted. "Kids can't learn and mature if they are not healthy physically

and mentally. We feel that the indications are that Romulus teens are at risk for a number of major physical and psychological health problems."

Father Walter Lezuchowski, Pastor of St. Aloysius Catholic Church in Romulus, is the chairperson of RAHAC. "Our kids are important to all of us," he said, "and I think it's vital to provide the help they need."

There are more than 2,300 students in the junior and senior high schools in Romulus, the target population for the study. In addition, there is a large dropout population of 16-19-year-olds who make up 20% of the city's population who could also be served by the development of a comprehensive adolescent health service. Suicide (one recorded in 1986 at the senior high school), potential suicides, traffic deaths related to drunk driving, homicide, substance abuse, teen pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases are all risks that have been documented as occurring among Romulus teens, and they continue to pose threats to their well being. □

Student of the Month

Since its conception in September, 175 Romulus High School students have been recognized by the Student of the Month program. Fifty-six of these students, whose names were drawn at the monthly awards ceremonies, were awarded \$50 U.S. Savings Bonds, compliments of local sponsors. Through the generosity and support of community sponsors, we are now able to award approximately 20 bonds per month.

The Student of the Month program enables teachers to recognize a student each month for achieving high academic and behavioral performance. The students and their proud parents, who are also invited to the monthly awards ceremony, will attest to the fact that the Student of the Month program is a great success.

November and December \$50 U.S. Savings Bond Winners and Sponsors

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Tasha Burks
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Arthur Mortzfield and Jeremy Nabors
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Claudia Steward
Daniel Hurst, Assistant Principal,
Romulus High School
Patricia Ward
William Musham, Instructor,
Romulus High School

Congratulations to the November and December Students of the Month. (Not pictured: Christel Collier, Dow Davidson, Shawn Davis, Colleen Harris, Chuck Hofon, Scott Ladach, Kim Lyles, Rhonda Marz, Shawn Mitchell, Jeremy Nabors, Tracy Schmidt, Kim Seabolt, Melissa Siemasz, Eric Strohschein, Jason Tebeau, Leslie Trueman, Tony Venturini.) □

(More pictures on page 14)



November and December Freshmen (left to right): front row — Shaun Davis, Melanie Sundquist, Dennis Tessin, Torrey Mills, Renee Bitner, Jennifer Daniels; second row — David Terry, Kim Malgay, Chris Brown, Sue Molenda, Ernestine Yarbrough; top row — Tony Montroy, Jeff Barley, Yolanda Jones, Ron Ayers, Anwana McCord. (Photo by: Danny Gaddis)



November and December Sophomores (left to right): front row — Dat Nguyen, David Gehringer, Jon Sharp, Christine Martell, Laura Wasvary, Patti Ward; second row — Valerie Kurtinitis, Jamie Manzo, Chris Patterson, Scott Flashians, Donna Terrell; top row — Kim Roach, Jaqueline Hale, Natisha Wheeler. (Photo by: Danny Gaddis)



November and December Juniors (left to right): front row — Laura Sylvester, Connie Vinson, Jodee Jernigan, Jennifer Stambaugh, Sharon Panek, Erika Luster, Diana Pitel, Jeremy Lester; second row — Bill Hudson, Robert Burgess, Wendy Bussell, Rodney Hamilton, Tasha Burks, Seema Chackunkal, Stacy McCombs, Laura Jackson, Tina Grobbel; top row — Mark Wehrmeister, Matt Hardrick, Amy McDonald, Matt Felice, Kim Aggison, Jerry Warren, Ronda Marz, Sam Sapienza. (Photo by: Danny Gaddis)

Romulus Community Schools

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Regular Meeting, December 14, 1987

The Regular Meeting of the Romulus Board of Education held Monday, December 14, 1987, was called to order by President Patterson at 7:30 p.m.

Roll call showed Member Wilkerson absent (excused) and Member Bales absent. Administrator LeCesne was absent (excused).

Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Patterson.

Approval of Agenda:

12/87/1 Moved by King supported by Kesner the Board of Education approve the Agenda as presented by Dr. Bedell. Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting:

12/87/2 Moved by Berlenn supported by King the Board approve the Minutes of November 23, 1987, as amended below. Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Correction: Questions and/or Concerns of Board Members

Member King reported that State is not paying the categorical part of the State Fund.

Communications and Expressions from the Public:

There were no communications and expressions from the public at this meeting. (Member Bales entered meeting at 7:33 P.M.)

Report of the Superintendent:

Executive Session - Negotiations

12/87/3 Moved by King supported by Langley the Board convene in Executive Session for purpose of Negotiations. Roll call vote showed: Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Board convened in Executive Session at 7:33 P.M. and reconvened in Regular Session at 8:20 P.M.

Personnel Actions

Dr. Bedell read aloud the Personnel Action as recommended by Dr. LeCesne.

A. **Employment:** Bernard Joseph, Electrician (Prob.), Eff. 12-14-87.

12/87/4 Moved by Berlenn supported by Langley the Board approve the Personnel Action recommended by Dr. LeCesne. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Bills for Payment

12/87/5 Moved by Berlenn supported by King the Board of Education approve the Bills for Payment as presented by Administrator Carr. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Wick Carpet

12/87/6 Moved by Bales supported by Berlenn the Board of Education accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee and authorize the expenditure of additional funds from the 1.5 Mill Fund to fully carpet Wick School. (Approximately \$11,000) Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Vocational Education Equipment

12/87/7 Moved by King supported by Langley the Board of Education authorize the purchase of the listed Vocational Education equipment from a State equipment grant and added cost Vocational Education Funds. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Approval of RASA Interim Wage Agreement

12/87/8 Moved by Bales supported by Berlenn the Board of Education accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the interim wage adjustments for the Romulus Association of School Administrators as per the presented document titled "RASA - Interim Salary Schedule" dated November 13, 1987. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Approval of Local 1917 Interim Wage Agreement

12/87/9 Moved by Bales supported by Kesner the Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the interim wage adjustment for Local 1917 as per the presented document titled "Local 1917 - Interim Salary Schedule - 1987/88 and 1988/89" dated December 8, 1987. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Approval of Local 64 Interim Wage Agreement

12/87/10 Moved by Berlenn supported by King the Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the interim wage adjustment for Local 64 as per the presented document titled "Local 64 - Interim Wage Schedule" dated December 3, 1987. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Approval of Paraprofessional/Aides Interim Wage Agreement

12/87/11 Moved by King supported by Berlenn the Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the interim wage adjustment for the Paraprofessional/Aides Union as per the presented document titled "Paraprofessional - Interim Wage Schedule" dated November 13, 1987. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Approval of Non-Union Professional Staff Interim Wage Agreement

12/87/12 Moved by King supported by Langley the Board approve the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the interim wage adjustment for Non-Union Professional employees as per the presented document titled "Non-Union Professional Employees - Interim Wage/Salary Schedule" dated December 8, 1987. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Approval of Non-Union Interim Wage Agreement

12/87/13 Moved by Bales supported by Berlenn the Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the interim wage adjustment for Non-Union employees as per the presented document titled "Non-Union Employees - Interim Wage/Salary Schedule" dated December 8, 1987. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Discussion of Airport Lobbying Effort

12/87/14 Moved by Bales supported by Kesner the Board send a letter to all concerned officials expressing the Board's displeasure at being excluded from the airport parking excise tax. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Items of Interest from the Superintendent

Dr. Bedell discussed the following Items of Interest with Board Members: 1) Lawyer's Letter - Johns-Manville; 2) Letter of "Thanks" - Debbie Juriga; 3) Health Department - Air Monitoring Report; 4) Seventh and Eighth Grade Honor Rolls; 5) County Letter - Murphy; and 6) U of M Accreditation Letter.

Questions and/or Concerns of Board Members

Member Bales inquired about an employee's health status.

Member Kesner asked about replacement of tile at Cory's gym.

Member King complimented band and choir on their performance 12/10/87 at Senior High. She also suggested a word of "thanks" be extended to Mrs. McMann for all her work on REACH.

Member Bales commented on the excellent Thanksgiving lunch given by Mrs. Juriga's class at the Junior High.

Adjournment:

12/87/15 Moved by King supported by Langley the meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Daniel R. Bales, Secretary
Romulus Board of Education

SPORTS IN ROMULUS

Wrestling

The Romulus Varsity Wrestling team has been successful in eight of its last ten matches. The team captured first place at the Jeff Hicks Memorial Invitational in Monroe, with the first-place honors going to Bruce Boyd, Kim Kosikowski, Paul Nowicki, and Tony Venturini. A second place was taken by Dennis Corder; Rick Champagne, Ralph Farrell, David Gehringer and Greg Grizzle took thirds; and Don Dufore took a fourth place.

In dual meets, the Eagles defeated Adrian 48-20, Garden City 51-18, and Ypsilanti 62-12. The Eagles' first loss of the season was to John Glenn High School, by a score of 31-27. They also lost their first league match to Ann Arbor Pioneer, 36-35.

This past weekend, the team travelled to Toledo, Ohio, for the 21-team Toledo Waite Tournament, and the Eagles finished second in this prestigious event. First-place finishes came from Kim Kosikowski and Paul Nowicki; Dennis Corder and Tony Venturini took seconds; Bruce Boyd got a third; Ralph Farrell got a fourth; and David Gehringer finished with a fifth. In addition, Paul Nowicki got the Hustler Award at the Hicks and Toledo events, finishing all three of his matches faster than anyone else in the tournaments.

The team will continue its way toward a league championship by taking on Ann Arbor Huron Thursday, January 28, in the Romulus High School gym, with a league meet coming up on Saturday, February 6, at Ann Arbor Pioneer High School.

The Eagles would like to encourage their fans to come on out and support the team, which is a hot contender and has a great chance to take the championship. □

This Week in Varsity Volleyball

The Romulus Varsity Volleyball team has reached the midpoint of an extremely tough season on an 'up' note. This week's start was rough, as the team suffered two defeats — one by fifth-ranked Edsel Ford and the other by Howell — but the Eagles bounced back on Wednesday with a win over Conference-foe Adrian in five games, with scores of 5-15, 15-3, 9-15, 15-7, and 15-12. Laurie Berlinn was impressive at the net, with 31 kills and nine blocks. Setter Jennifer Beck helped the cause with 21 assists, and Kim Lyles served 16 game points. The backline defense had three stars, as seniors Lisa Gibson, Dennise Corder and Chris Murray put on an exceptional show.

Saturday brought the week to a close, as the Eagles took second place in the 10-team Monroe Jefferson Invitational. The team came out of preliminary play second in their pool after defeating Milan, Taylor Truman and Lincoln Park, while losing to the host team, Monroe Jefferson, 10-15 and 13-15. The Eagles then came through the semifinals as they defeated Taylor Kennedy 15-8, 8-15 and 15-0. In the finals, they once again met up with Monroe Jefferson, but Monroe came out on top, 16-18 and 2-15.

The Eagles start the second half of their season on Wednesday, January 27, at Ann Arbor Pioneer. The next home match is Monday, February 1, at 6 p.m. against Ypsilanti. □

J.V. Volleyball News

The J.V. Volleyball team has just completed a hectic week of volleyball. Playing some of the best teams on their schedule all in one week, the Eagles fared pretty well.

The J.V.s began the week by defeating Milan (15-10, 15-8), Ann Arbor Huron (15-12, 15-8) and Ann Arbor Pioneer (15-10, 16-14). The Plymouth Salem Tournament was next, and the Eagles reached their goal — to make it to the championship round. After placing second in their extremely tough pool, they defeated Livonia Churchill (15-13, 16-14) in the semifinals, but for the second time this year, the J.V.s brought home the runner-up trophy, as they were defeated by a great Brighton squad (5-15, 14-16).

Things did not get any easier when Howell and Edsel Ford came to Romulus for a tri-meet. The Eagles defeated Howell (15-4, 15-12), but lost to Edsel Ford in three games. This loss was the biggest disappointment of the season so far, following such a good first game.

The Adrian Maples were the last team to face Romulus, and again the Eagles were winners (15-4, 11-15, 15-5). Overall, their record stands at 12-3, with a 4-0

record in the league.

As exams close in on the schedule, team leaders are: serve points — Jennifer Daniel (124) and Tammy Trubilowicz (116); spikes — Susan Hamel (74) and Chris Stratton (69); serve receptions — Jennifer Daniel (114) and Michelle Scarrow (81); and sets — Chris Stratton (323). □

Basketball News

The Romulus Eagle Varsity Basketball team took a week off after playing a very tough group of opponents and compiling a 2-6 won/loss record.

The time off worked to regroup the Eagles, as on Tuesday, led by senior forward Brent Bonam's 30 points, the Eagles overpowered Taylor Truman 67-52. With Bonam, junior center Grayam Scott, and senior forward Alan Hudson controlling the boards, the Eagles worked the fast break offense to victory.

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On Friday, the Eagles dropped a tough league game to a sharp-shooting Maple team from Adrian. Led by senior guard Willie Maull's 20 points, the Eagles cut the lead to four points with three minutes left to go, but the Maple's outside shooting was too much to control, and they went on to a 63-56 victory.

The J.V. Eagles also defeated Taylor Truman, and were also outmanned by Adrian. The young Eagles have moved their record to 4-6, and are currently being led by the play of sophomore center Maurice Bridges and sophomore forwards Kelvin Brown and Larry Perkins. The guard play is being handled by two freshmen, Torrey Mills and Alonzo Moore.

First year Coach Ron Harper assessed his team by saying, "We are getting stronger each game and our bench is starting to come through for us. I really think some of these young men are going to help a great deal on the varsity level, and I'm looking forward to a .500 season this year. That doesn't sound like much of a goal, but with our schedule that would be a fine season."

The next three games are home, with Bedford coming to R.H.S. on Tuesday for

a 5:30 game to start the home stand. Basketball fans would truly enjoy watching these two fine teams this season, and are encouraged to come out and see the 1987-88 Eagles. □

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Special Olympics Oath: "Let me win, But if I cannot win, Let me be brave in the attempt."

1988 Schedule

February 7 — leave Mt. Clemens;
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February 8 — overnight in Houghton Lake
February 9 — overnight in Grayling
February 10 — Sugar Loaf Mountain;
overnight in Traverse City
February 11 — overnight in Lewiston
February 12 — overnight in Alpena
February 13 — overnight in Mackinaw City
February 14 — return to Mt. Clemens

Michigan Special Olympics Program Highlights

Michigan Special Olympics is a year-round program of physical fitness, sports training and athletic competition for men-

tally impaired children and adults. Participants must be at least eight years old.

Michigan Special Olympics receives no State or Federal funding, and relies 100% on donations of time, materials and monies from individuals, businesses, and organizations throughout the State.

Michigan Special Olympics is fully sanctioned by the United States Olympic Committee and is endorsed by major professional organizations of special educators, professional athletes, major businesses and more.

Michigan Special Olympics accommodates competitors by assigning them to competitive divisions based on both age and ability.

Michigan Special Olympians compete

in 14 official sports, including alpine and cross-country skiing, basketball, bowling, poly hockey, gymnastics, speed skating, figure skating, track and field, softball, swimming and diving, soccer and volleyball. Weightlifting and tennis are offered as demonstration sports.

Whenever possible, parents of Special Olympians are involved in program activities. Parents have a vested interest in the program and present a unique resource to assist in attaining program goals and objectives. A Parents Advisory Council provides regular input to the program's executive director and staff.

Interested?

For more information, contact Robert Pollack, 722-0325. □

ENGAGEMENT / WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT FORM

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Date of Engagement _____

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DAY	DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME	BUS
W	1/27	Ann Arbor Pioneer	Away	6:00	4:30
Sa	1/30	Jefferson Inv. (JV)	Away	TBA	7:00
M	2/1	Ypsilanti	Home	6:00	
Sa	2/6	U of M Dbn. Inv. (V)	Away	TBA	
Sa	2/6	Carlson Inv. (JV)	Carlson	8:30	7:00
M	2/8	Monroe St. Mary/ Lincoln Park (JV)	Home	4:00	
W	2/10	Ann Arbor Huron	Home	6:00	
Sa	2/13	Times Inv. (V)	Carlson	TBA	
W	2/17	Adrian	Home	6:00	
F	2/19	Lncn. Pk. Trn. (JV)	Away	TBA	3:00
Sa	2/20	A. A. News Trn.	U of M	TBA	

R.H.S. Varsity Wrestling 87/88

DAY	DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME	BUS
Th	1/28	Ann Arbor Huron	Home	6:30	
Sa	1/30	Lncn. Pk. Trn. (AM)	Away	11:00	7:45
Sa	2/6	S.C.C. Meet	AA Pio.	TBA	
W	2/10	Pre-Districts	TBA	TBA	
Sa	2/13	Districts	Away	TBA	
Sa	2/20	Regionals	Away	TBA	
F	2/26	Individual Finals	Btl. Crk.	TBA	
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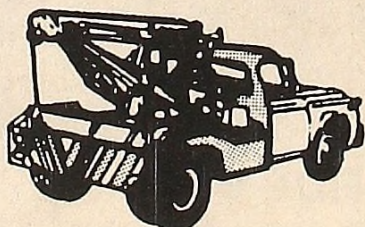
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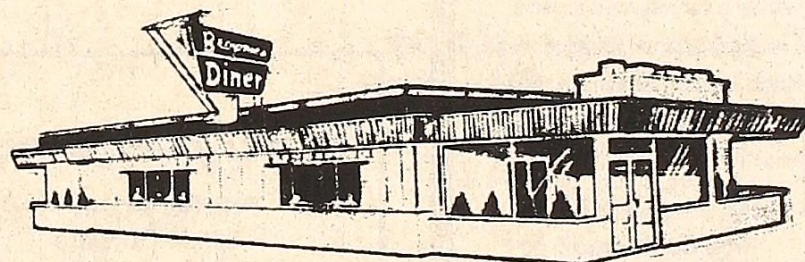
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Elizabeth is the daughter of Sharon Henry of Romulus and the granddaughter of the Wm. Riddles of Romulus. She is the manager of Scotties' Gift Shoppe at the Ramada Inn, Detroit Metro.

Harry is the son of Wm. C. and Doris Sells of Inkster Road, Romulus. He is a plumber of Allen Park.

Elizabeth was given in marriage by her grandfather. She was attended by her lifelong friend, Cindy Grishaber of Romulus. John Jordon of Romulus served as Best Man.

The bride wore a full-length satin and lace gown trimmed with hand-sewn seed pearls, a full train and fingertip veil. She also wore pearls that had belonged to her late great grandmother, and carried white roses with royal blue accents. Her Maid of Honor wore a full-length royal-blue gown and carried blue roses with white accents. The bride's mother wore gray satin with off-white roses.

After a stay at the Ramada Inn, Romulus, the couple went to Northern Michigan for a brief honeymoon before returning to their Belleville home.

The wedding pictures were taken by Deborah Molnar and Wendy Grishaber, both of Romulus.

After the wedding, both Christmas and wedding were celebrated with gifts and a buffet for family and close friends at the bride's mother's home. □

Obituary

Thelbert W. Thompson

Thelbert W. Thompson, age 82, of 11503 Olive Street, Romulus, died January 16, 1988 at Annapolis Hospital.

Thelbert was the beloved husband of 57 years of Beatrice (Rowley), the dear father of Mr. and Mrs. William (Patricia) Thompson of Belleville, and the grandfather of two grandchildren, Debra A. and Michael W., and three great grandchildren, Michael, Christopher and Danielle.

Thelbert was employed at Ford Motor Company from 1923-1968, and was also a member of the Men's Breakfast Club, Masonic Lodge #172, Wayne, the Community United Methodist Church, and the church choir.

Funeral services were held January 19, 1988, at 2 p.m. at the Community Methodist Church, Romulus, with the Rev. J.D. Landis officiating. Interment was at Romulus Cemetery. Arrangements were made by Baum-Crane Funeral Home, Romulus. □

Stella M. Garnett

Fifty-nine-year-old Stella M. Garnett, of 36723 Goddard Road, Romulus, died January 18, 1988 at University of Michigan Hospital.

Stella was the daughter of Martha Kennedy, and the dear mother of Charles Michael, James Matthew, Terry Lee and David E. Garnett, Mrs. Bernie (Betty Lynn) Myers, Mrs. Terry (Pamela Sue) Hamby, and Barbara Garnett. She is also survived by brothers Howard and Robert Kennedy, and 14 grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Friday, January 22, at the Baum-Crane Funeral Home in Romulus, with Pastor Howell Kelly officiating. Burial was at Romulus Cemetery. Baum-Crane Funeral Home made the arrangements. □

Jim Kosteva

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James Kosteva, State Representative, 37th District

Bills to Benefit Seniors Introduced in House

House leaders recently unveiled a Democratic 'Senior Action Plan' package, which is expected to receive quick action in the Legislature. The 35-bill package deals with new regulations on health insurance for seniors, nursing-home care reforms and State policies to encourage independent living for seniors in the community.

Mental-Health Bill Signed into Law

A new State law establishes a program to protect the rights of mentally ill persons and persons with developmental disabilities in residential facilities. A State agency is authorized to investigate allegations of abuse and neglect. Supporters of the measure say the law will help those who can't always defend themselves.

Bill Introduced to Protect Against Health Misdeeds

Under current law, the licenses of health-care professionals can be suspended or revoked for criminal activity, substance abuse, incompetence and fraud. The proposed House legislation would allow State health officials to take licensing action against health-care professionals suspected of 'immoral conduct' in their relationships with patients.

Legislative Action to Improve Michigan's Housing Conditions

The report of a special ad hoc House committee on housing conditions in Michigan has been recommended as a model for other state legislatures undertaking similar studies in their states. Many committee recommendations are being implemented in Michigan. New State laws expand loan activities of the Michigan State Housing Development Authority, encourage private developers to build and maintain low-income housing and help non-profit neighborhood groups obtain and rehabilitate deteriorating houses.

Bills to Crack Down on Unfair Insurance Practices Introduced

Legislation that would protect senior citizens and others from being pressured to buy expensive and unnecessary insurance coverage was recently introduced in the House. Some older individuals have been induced to can-

cel their current coverage and replace it with a more expensive policy that carries fewer benefits. The four-bill package would impose fines and other sanctions on insurance companies that use these tactics.

State Task Force Releases Long-Term-Care Report

A final report was presented to the State lawmakers by the Intergovernmental Nursing Home Action Team, which coordinates efforts by State agencies to monitor long-term care. The report calls for: civil and increased criminal penalties for patient abuse and neglect; suspension of Medicaid payments to nursing homes that fail to meet Medicare and Medicaid requirements; and stronger enforcement of State licensing requirements.

Farm Disaster Assistance Approved

Federal officials have approved agricultural disaster assistance for 14 Michigan counties that suffered from drought conditions last spring and summer, and for farmers who suffered considerable crop losses due to excessive rain. The assistance will offset losses sustained on or after January 1, 1987.

Air Pollution Bill to be Introduced

Legislation to require the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to conduct emission tests on older incinerators every five years will soon be introduced in the House. Supporters of the legislation say it is necessary to test older facilities that are not covered under current air pollution laws.

Home Mortgage Program Reopens

A \$26-million bond sale has enabled the Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA) to re-open its home mortgage program. Under the program, first-time buyers can obtain low-interest MSHDA loans through banks and other lending institutions. State officials estimate that the loans will benefit hundreds of moderate-income homebuyers.

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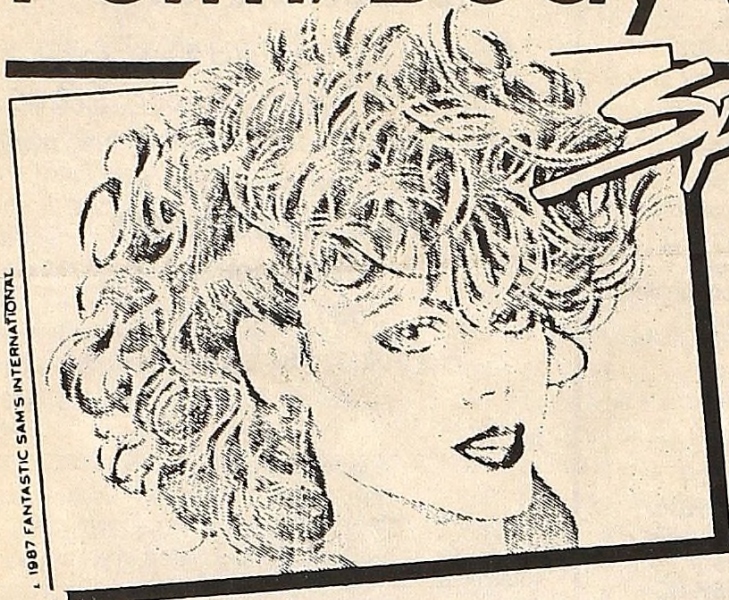
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